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NOTE FOR: Executive Assistant, DDI

This note requests a bit of help from your good officers in OSWR.

One of the new issues related to the MX deployment question is called DENSEPACK. One of my friends in OSTP called me a few days ago to ensure that we know of the intelligence community's role in bringing up the concept of DENSEPACK, and particularly its potential. That phone call caused me to do some quiet research with OSWR's ICBM analysts.

The key element of the heads up that I got from OSTP was that we should start thinking about two points: 1) How much exposure of our role we would prefer and how we might protect the details of our role; and 2) how much credit we would like to see given to the intelligence community, and especially this Agency.

When I explained all of this to the Deputy Director, he had two reactions. We should not try to get much credit out of our role in DENSEPACK -- which I gather stems from the potential for disclosure of sources and methods information. Secondly, the Deputy Director believes that OSWR in due course should send to the DCI a short summary of their efforts and findings, so that the DCI can comment intelligently on DENSEPACK at NSC meetings. I trust that OSWR's short summary also could include whatever it is we know about the roles of other intelligence agencies.

If there is anything I can do to help you, such as answer questions, please let me know.



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